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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, US, SP

SUBJ: SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. I HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO PASS TO YOU MY REPORT OF YESTERDAY'S ROUND HERE IN MADRID. WITH CHARACTERISTIC ILLOGIC, THE SPANISH HAVE BROUGHT OUR NEGOTIATIONS TO AN IMPASSE BY PROPOSING NEW AND CONTRADICTORY IMPOSITIONS AGAINST THE USE OF FACILITIES HERE BY THE UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE REFORMULATED AND MADE MORE UNACCEPTABLE THE PROPOSAL PUT TO US IN THE LAST ROUND IN APRIL FOR A MIXTURE OF REASONS THAT GROW OUT OF A NUMBER OF INTERRELATED FACTORS INCLUDING (A) UNREQUITED RECOGNITION OF SPANISH DEFENSE CONTRIBUTION BY NATO; (B) OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE A SECURITY GUARANTEE OR TO GIVE

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PRINCIPLES; (C) OUR LIMITATIONS OR QUID TO MEET GOS EXPECTATIONS WHICH ARE VERY HIGH; AND (D) A REAL PROBLEM GOS HAS WITH PUBLIC OPINION WHICH CONTINUES TO BE NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT LEVEL OF US PRESENCE IN SPAIN. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE SOME BASIC DECISIONS. I WILL BE REQUESTING DOD TO ESTABLISH SOME PRIORITIES WITH RESPECT TO OUR USE OF FACILITIES HERE. I WILL DO A PAPER FOR YOU AND HOPE TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS WITH YOU SOON AFTER YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THE SPANISH WILL BE COMING AGAIN JULY 21.

2. CORTINA WANTS TO SEE ME TONIGHT. AS USUAL I EXPECT A FASCINATING IF NOT ENTIRELY INTELLIGIBLE AND LARGELY ONE-SIDED CONVERATION. I HALF EXPECT HE WILL ASK FOR A SPECIAL MEETING WITH YOU. MY COUNTERPART, ROVIRA, HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED IT. I INTEND TO MAKE NO COMMITMENT.
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